

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John A. Castellano on 6-1-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

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7/18/06
- A) Please cancel claims 7 and 11-14 without any prejudice.
 - B) In claim 1, line ³~~4~~, delete the word "an" and replace with "the".
 - C) In claim 1, line ³~~4~~, delete the phrase "shown in" and replace with "of".
 - D) In claim 6, delete "A" and replace with "An isolated"
 - E) In claim 8, line 1, delete "claim 7" and replace with "claim 6".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Following a diligent search it was determined that the prior art neither teaches nor suggests a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having β -1,3-glucanase activity as claimed in claims 1-4, 6 and 8-10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue